

# THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS, AND ITS INTERESTS

## WASHINGTON GIRL WINNING SUCCESS AS ACTRESS IN MUSICAL COMEDIES

Miss Mabel Brown Fairfax Appearing in "Mam-selle Sallie."

Began Her Stage Career as Child Dancer in This City.

Miss Mabel Brown Fairfax, one of the pretty girls playing at the National this week in "Mam-selle Sallie," is a well known Washington girl and the daughter of Mrs. Adelaide E. Brown, of Capitol Hill.

As a child Miss Brown is well remembered as a fancy dancer in entertainments held here and later was a prominent figure in private theatricals. In Miss Brown's first season on the road she had a prominent part in "The Gingerbread Man" last year. Her friends in Washington, who have been watching her work with interest this week, wish her continued success.

Miss Brown, who is related to the old Virginia family of Fairfax, uses that as her stage name.

### Choosing Ferns

When selecting a fernery carefully refrain from choosing one that in shape resembles a pieplate. It is of no use on account of its shallowness.

The plants must have room or they will dry out.

Select one, rather, that is not less than three inches deep, and that does not flange outward. Ferns can not be planted on the flange, consequently the whole effect of the idea is lost, for to be attractive the fernery must be entirely covered with growth, consequently one with straight sides is needed.

When filling it, plant to the outside edge and the foliage will droop gracefully all around. The soil used for filling should consist of three parts of leaf mold or peat and two equal parts of loam and sand, thoroughly pulverized and mixed.

When ready to transfer the plants from the pots to the fernery carefully turn the pots upside down, place the fingers on the soil and tap the edge of the pot sharply on a table.

If the plants are in a moist condition, and a fern should never be planted when dry, with one tap the whole ball of roots, with soil, will leave the pot.

When all the plants are out of the pots, stand them together in the fernery prettily and tastefully, without disturbing the roots, and then fill in the soil around them, pressing it down with your thumbs and fingers. Then give the fernery a good watering, being careful to spray the foliage thoroughly.

The plants selected for the fernery should be well rooted, with firm foliage and not too young.

After each new fernery remove the fernery from the table and give the foliage a gentle spraying, then take it to a cool room, and place it on a stand in the window until the hour for the next meal arrives.

Never allow the fernery to become too dry, but be extremely careful not to overwater. The soil should at all times be damp, but never soggy.

### Garnishes.

Fried sausage or force meat balls for roast turkey, capon or fowl.

Fennel for mackerel and salmon, either fresh or pickled.

Lobster coral and parsley for boiled fish.

Currant jelly for game, also for custard or bread pudding.

Seville oranges, in slices, for wild duck, pigeons, teal and such game.

Mint, either with or without parsley, for roast lamb, whether hot or cold.

Pickled cherries, capons, or onions for some boiled meats, stews, etc.

A red pepper or small red apple for the mouth of a roast pig.

Spots of red and black pepper, alternated, on the fat side of a boiled ham, which side should lie uppermost on the serving dish.

Sliced eggs, showing the white and yellow parts, for chicken salad.

### Mending "Broken China."

Frequently some heirloom in the china closet needs mending and it can easily be done at home. The white of an egg and pulverized, unslaked lime is a strong cement.

Dip a small brush into the egg white, slightly beaten, and brush the edge to be joined.

Then quickly dust one edge with a little of the lime, and place the edges together accurately; hold in place firmly for a couple of minutes, then set aside to dry. The work must be done with great speed.

A transparent glue for mending glass is made of (sanguis and spirits of wine. Put a few small pieces of linens in the wine and when dissolved add a little water; place over a moderate fire to warm and become well mixed.

Brush the broken edges of the glass with the mixture, put together carefully and hold on the fire until the mixture dries. To mend a wooden article with cement, make it by melting one ounce of resin and one ounce of pure yellow wax in an iron pan, then stir in thoroughly one ounce of venetian red. Use white hot.

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Washington Girl Who Is Successful as a Comic Opera Actress.

## SOME HOT SUPPER DISHES

By CORNELIA C. BEDFORD.

Rice, Ham and tomatoes—Chop fine sufficient cold boiled ham to make a scant cupful. Make a generous pint of tomato sauce slightly seasoned with onion. Wash one cupful of rice and drop it into a kettle of rapidly boiling water. Add a scant teaspoonful of salt and boil hard until the grains are tender; this will take from fifteen to twenty minutes, according to the kind of rice used. When done drain and spread half of the rice on a hot platter. Sprinkle with half the ham and a few spoonfuls of the hot sauce. Add the remaining rice, the ham, a little of the sauce and a tablespoonful of finely chopped parsley. Pour the rest of the sauce round the rice and serve quickly.

Scalloped Potatoes—Peel potatoes and cut in thin slices. Cover with boiling water, boil for one minute, then drain. Place in layers in a baking dish, seasoning highly with salt and pepper. Four in hot milk until the liquid can just be seen through the top layer. Dot with a tablespoonful or more of butter, cut in bits, cover closely, and place in a moderate oven. The potatoes will be tender in an hour, more or less, according to the depth in the dish, uncover when nearly done, that the top may be brown.

Vegetable Ragout—Earlier in the day dice a heaping cupful each of carrot and white turnip and boil separate in salted water until tender, then drain. Open and drain a can of peas, dice a cupful and a half of potatoes. Boil the latter until barely tender. Brown three heaping tablespoonfuls of flour in three tablespoonfuls of butter or dripping, add gradually a pint and a half of water or soup stock and stir until thick and smooth. Season with salt, pepper, a little onion juice, half of a lump of sugar. Add all the vegetables, simmer together for ten minutes and serve sprinkled with chopped parsley.

Eggs a la Caracas—Grate or chop very

fine two ounces of smoked beef. Add one cupful of thick cream tomatoes, one quarter of a cupful of grated cheese, ten drops of onion juice, one-eighth of a teaspoonful of cinnamon, and a dash of cayenne. Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, add this mixture, and cook slowly until smoking hot. Turn in quickly three well-beaten eggs, stir until a thick cream, and serve on thin slices of toast.

### Shamrocks the Fancy of the Moment

Talismans and charms have their ups and downs in fashion.

Just now the wearing of such "mascots" seems to be in the ascendant.

They hang from necks, they dangle from purses, they even adorn one's rooms.

The newest charm in Paris, which is warranted to leave joyousness in its wake, is a pot of growing shamrocks.

The pots are small and there is a great desire to get the four-leaved shamrock to grow in them.

Such a result of course, is a mere question of luck.

The shamrock charm will be much sought this season and will be a popular favor for luncheons.

At least Paris is looking through green eyes for the moment.

### Who'd Believe It?

"Sweetheart, where is that soda siphon I put in the ice box last night?" asked Youngblood.

"Oh, dear!" cried the June bride. "Did you want that? I used it up this morning sprinkling the plants."—Detroit Free Press.

### Things Here and There About the House and Comfort of Its Inmates.

Outside of the elites fresh butter—that is, unsalted butter—is not often found in the market; but as the up-to-date hostess is nevertheless expected to serve it, it is a comfort to know that it can be made at home.

#### Fresh Butter.

Purified cream in the bowl and beat with the rotary beater until past the whipped cream stage. When too stiff to handle with the beater, use the paddle and work back and forth with a beating stroke until a characteristic sound, "spat, spat," is heard, which indicates that the grains are separating from the whey or buttermilk.

At this point the mixture will have the appearance of a rather thick mass of coarse raw corn meal and water, distinctly granular. When the separation is complete pack the butter granules together with the paddles until they form a lump.

#### Nut Salad.

Use a mixture of almonds, English walnuts and pecans. Blanch almonds and English walnuts and chop all fine. Combine with an equal quantity of crisped celery cut into dice and moisten well with mayonnaise dressing. Serve in lettuce nests.

#### Bacon Toast.

Cut some choice bacon into thin slices; cover it with cold water, heat to boiling, boil up well and drain, then fry until crisp and a delicate brown. Move ready small oblong pieces of either white or graham bread freshly toasted and buttered. Cover each piece of toast with a piece of the hot bacon and serve at once with a small pickle or an olive as a dainty appetizer.

### House Furnishing.

The woman who is moving into a new house will do well not to furnish it completely all at once, or before she has lived in it for a while. Let her first place such of her old furniture as she wishes to keep, then from time to time a new chair or another table can be added to fill some vacant corner.

Or is it better to let the corner remain bare until she runs across something which will exactly suit the space to be filled.

It is far preferable to buy furniture to suit the apartment than to select a house to fit the furniture, when it can be done, and, on the other hand, many a woman has spoiled the interior of her library in hurrying to a shop to purchase a bookcase chosen for its number of square feet which it contains rather than for the suitability or beauty of the object itself.

### Hanger for Waists.

A pretty and practical gift to a girl who has dainty waists is a hanger with dust protector attached. The latter is made of a square of art muslin or similar soft, light-weight material with a design in the recipient's favorite color and finished either with a binding of narrow ribbon of that color or with a narrow hem. In the center an opening is made large enough to admit the hook of a hanger. The hook is then tightly wound with ribbon and the whole finished with a bow.

### The Successful Man

Thinks firstly and deeply and speaks last and to the point.

Pays promptly and collects as he pays, rather than pay as he collects.

Practices strict business economy, but not meanness.

Is courteous in manner and appreciates the commercial value of cordiality.

Is honest, not only from policy, but from principle. He considers success lacking self-appropriation as failure in disguise, says Home Chat.

Is careful in detail, knowing that they are the mortar which binds his operations.

Possesses executive ability to a degree which renders him appreciative of the valuable points in employees.

### The Fad for Green

The fad for green has been growing so fast of late that the average congregation at any church on Sunday mornings looks, from the gallery, like a miniature forest. The popular green is not a common one; it is not resea or gray-green or anything undecided, but real green—green, hunter's green, emerald green, apple green, Irish green.

A little woman who always lives up to the top-notch of the styles invested last week in a green bonnet. To carry out the tone of this Paris importation, she purchased also a pair of green suede gloves, a green chiffon veil, an imitation emerald pin and a green tulle necker. The effect of all these with her dark green suit was decidedly stunning, and she gave it an added dash by carrying a green beaded bag. The other night she donned the whole outfit in honor of a theater invitation from her husband.

When she came down stairs arrayed in all her verdant glory that worthy looked at her from head to foot but said nothing.

"What's the matter?" she asked, disappointed because he did not fall at once into raptures over her latest effort. "Don't you like me?"

"Yes," he said doubtfully; "but, my dear, you look exactly like a fresh salad."

And then he wondered why she cried and refused to go to the show.

### Remedy for Neuralgia

Cut a fresh slice of bread and soak one side in boiling water. Sprinkle the soaked side quickly with cayenne pepper. Cover with cheese cloth and apply hot.

### Good Things to Eat and Drink, and How to Prepare Them Tastily.

When making dust bags to slip over your prettiest dresses make blue ones for your white things.

White will yellow. There's no denying that. Many a pretty party dress, hung away for a little while, has yellowed on the hooks until it is a far cry from the pretty, fresh bit of daintiness it was at first. But a blue bag—one of the deeper china blues is a good depth of color to get—makes a mighty good ounce of prevention.

Sufferers from rheumatism should dress entirely in woolen clothing, and dust the inside of their clothing with flour of sulphur. They should abstain from taking beer, acids, sweets, sugar, or pastry, but should take plenty of milk, celery stewed in milk, or prepared in other ways, and onions. They should rub the joints night and morning with a bit of salt, rubbing it in until the skin is dry. Turkish baths do much good to rheumatic persons.

Tired of paper favors and cards for name cards, the exclusive New York sets now have the guest's name written on the petals of real roses for dinner and luncheon favors. This is such a delicate and expensive operation there is no danger of its ever becoming common.

### One Result of Matrimony

A woman who recently secured a warrant against her husband in a London police court said to the judge: "I have been married twenty-seven years, and I have had ten children and sixteen black eyes."

### How to Uncurl Plumes

In order to give your plumes the fashionable uncurled appearance it isn't necessary to send them to the cleaners. For light and dark alike, two basins of tepid water and a good lathering soap is all that is required.

Make a stiff lather and wash your feathers in it, rubbing the fibers lightly but not thoroughly. Rinse immediately in clear water, dipping the feathers lightly in and out. Don't be alarmed at the appearance of meagerness that your plumes will have assumed ere this.

Now spread a towel on your lap and lay what remains of the feather flatly on top of it, with one hand holding the end in a curve around your knee while you slap the feather quickly and vigorously with the other. In a few minutes the tiny fibers will have dried out fluffy, but perfectly straight, as the new fashion requires.

The center of the feather is still damp; in order that it shall dry, with a properly graceful curve, secure it with a bit of thread and stand it upright for several hours.

Sachets to be used through the hair

### Hair Sachets

should be made very narrow, not wider than a finger and be pinned underneath the coils before the hair is dressed. The hair sachets should be covered with lace net that the pins may go through them. In the center of each place a tiny roll of cotton filled with the favorite sachet powder.

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